

**Cross-Country Championship  
Pontefract Racecourse  
Saturday March 16th 2024**

**Parking:** There is limited parking for people arriving by car (approx 800 spaces), and if the weather is inclement and ground is heavily waterlogged our traffic management team will direct you to the retail park a ten minute walk from the course at 'Xscape WF10 4TA'.

We will let you know on the Website, Facebook page and via email on the Friday if this is the case. But I feel it will be fine, famous last words!!

**Nationals Hoodies etc**

Please use the Start Fitness link below for the Pontefract Merchandise. Orders placed on line will be posted and start fitness will be at Pontefract to sell the items listed on their web page. This link is on the ESAA Facebook page as well.

<https://startfitness.co.uk/search?q=Pontefract&options%5Bprefix%5D=last>

**1.Championship notes for the start of each race.**

Competitors should assemble in the area behind the start in plenty of time before their race.

Competitors will be allowed into the start area 5 minutes before the beginning of each race. A warning will be given 3 minutes before each race. At this time, competitors should assemble behind their start pen.

With 1 minute to go competitors will be instructed to move into their start pen and line up in race order by the Start Stewards.

Competitors should listen carefully to any last moment instructions given by the Starter.

The start will be by gun

**Numbers must be securely pinned on the front of the County vest – any mutilation or folding of these numbers may lead to disqualification**

9.00 a.m.	Championship Site Open
9.30 a.m.	Championship Course Open for Inspection
10.00 a.m.	Declarations open
11.00 a.m.	Officials meeting
12.00 a.m.	Declarations Close and Championship Course should be cleared for a final inspection

12.30 p.m.	<b>Intermediate Girls Championship.</b> Followed by the Individual Presentation	3540 metres
1.00 p.m.	<b>Junior Boys Championship.</b> Followed by the Individual Presentation	3180 metres
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2..00 p.m.	<b>Intermediate Boys Championship.</b> Followed by the Individual Presentation	4495 metres
2.35 p.m.	<b>Senior Girls Championship.</b> Followed by the Individual Presentation	4135 metres
3.05 p.m.	<b>Senior Boys Championship.</b> Followed by the Individual Presentation	5970 metres

**Course Map**



## 2. Public Car Parking

A charge for car parking will be made. This year the price of parking does include a programme. – Cost will be £5 per car

### Parking at Pontefract Par

There will be parking stewards on site all day directing all traffic.

#### Cars

Cars can access the car parks numbered 2 & 5, via the roundabout marked A on the A639. Both car parks are grass and as such a final decision as to whether these are usable will be made during the week prior to race day. If the car parks are closed due to damp conditions, then parking will be away from the site and access via A will not be allowed. Parking off site will be at the owner's discretion and responsibility.

Parking for officials will be in car park 1 and can be accessed via the roundabout marked A on the A639. An ESAA badge parking must be displayed to gain access. Disabled parking will also be at car park 1.

Parking in the red zoned areas is strictly forbidden.



## Postcodes

Entrance C, car park 7 – New College WF8 4QR

Entrance A, car parks 2 & 5 – WF8 4RA

Junction/Entrance B – Park Lane WF8 4QQ



## 3. Presentations

Individual presentations will be made, as each race is completed. Please ensure that your Team Stewards as well as competitors know of this arrangement. This does mean that the individual competitor(s) concerned will be presented with their award BEFORE reporting to the International Room.

Team Race presentations will take place as soon as possible after the race result is confirmed.

Announcements will be made as to when a presentation is imminent. The presentation of the Aggregate Team trophies will no longer take place at the end of the Championship, but results will include these scores.

## 4. International Team Selection

The 10 Athletes invited to represent ENGLISH SCHOOLS' A.A. in the SIAB International on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Ireland, will be selected from the JUNIOR and INTERMEDIATE age groups. There is an additional mixed relay race in both the Junior and Intermediate age-group this year, therefore two additional runners will be selected from

the Junior and Intermediate boys' and girls' races making it 10 athletes selected to represent England in the SIAB Cross Country.

The top 12 runners (2 of whom, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> placed finishers will be registered as reserves) will be escorted from the finish by ESAA officials to the International Tent.

Once in the International tent there will be a brief team meeting explaining travel details plus envelopes will be handed out containing all the information required for the international. It is essential that athletes can access a mobile phone in the international tent in order to register their contact details for the International event on 'Google 'Forms. Athletes will also collect their international kit.

It is essential that each competitor is accompanied by a parent / adult who can clarify arrangements for the international with the International Team Managers as there are only a few days in which to finalise arrangements for the International.

### **5. Race Results:**

By using the bar code below, you will be able to locate race results as soon as these are posted.



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**ESAA Assistant Cross-Country Coordinator**

## Guidance relating to the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR)

The ESAA collects and processes athletes' data under the GDPR using the *Legitimate Interest* basis.

This legal basis allows the ESAA (and therefore affiliated County Associations) to collect and process data without requiring us to ask for athletes' permission, but limited to only that data, and those processes, which athletes would *normally expect* as being *necessary* in order for us to stage the Cross-Country Championships. This includes collecting name, sex, birth month/year, County, School name, and School Town. This data is deemed to be *necessary* to check that athletes are eligible to compete for their County in their age group, and to be able to publish the event programme, and to publish the results.

Name / sex / age group / County are published in the event programme and the event results. The results will also publish athletes' performances – that is an obvious and *necessary* thing to do.

School name and town are passed on to accredited press, but only the data applicable to local circumstances is passed on, for instance any particular County newspaper will only be given data relating to athletes in that County.

Birth month and year are only used to verify eligibility for a particular age group, and to provide an aggregated overview of the age distributions within each age group. This data is not passed on to anyone else.

It is thus not required for you to make any particular statements on your entry forms, and you do not need to request permission to collect and use athletes' data, however, it would be good practice to publish this information to athletes.

Once the programme and results are published by the ESAA, the information falls into the public domain and is thus accessible worldwide. Other organisations may wish to access and further process this information for their own purposes, but if they do so, they are responsible for gaining any permission from athletes which may be required. Any such subsequent processing does not fall within the ESAA's activities.